



THE BIG SALE.

Continues Until Feb. 25.

...JUST THINK OF IT...

The greatest opportunity you have ever had to save your money.

A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Earned.

Now is the time to lay in a supply of everything while this sale continues.

...Red Hot Bargains in...

Shoes, Clothing, Wraps, Blankets, etc., at Reduced Prices....

CALL AND SEE US

We will be glad to have you look around and see how much better you can do here than elsewhere. Everything you need in Dry Goods and Groceries.

COBB & McGLASSON.

Judge Thomas Vindicated.

The Muskogee bar held a special meeting Monday, at which the following resolutions were introduced by Mr. R. P. DeGraffenried and were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, certain newspapers in Indian Territory and elsewhere have published or copied articles in criticism of the official and personal actions of Hon. John R. Thomas, Judge of the United States courts in Indian Territory; and

"Whereas, we are familiar with the actions of Judge Thomas, both as a citizen and as an officer, and have observed in his conduct nothing but purity, uprightness, integrity and ability; and

Whereas, we know him to be an able lawyer, a just Judge and a man of honor and great learning; therefore

Be it resolved, that we, as members of the Muskogee bar, commend him to the president and to the country and heartily endorse his course as an officer and denounce the publications against

him as unjust, unfounded and untrue.

Be it further resolved, that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the president and be given to the press."

Action was also taken with reference to that provision in the agreement between the United States and the Cherokee nation by which all Cherokee citizens who may be charged with any criminal offense shall be tried within the bounds of the Cherokee nation.

J. M. GIVENS, S. S. FEARS, Secretary, Chairman.

If congress should amend the treaty in any particular it would be necessary to send it back to the Cherokees for concurrence. It is to be hoped that such amendments as may be found necessary will be effected by legislation hereafter and that the present treaty will be allowed to stand.

The sensible course for the Cherokees to pursue now will be to ratify their agreement as promptly and as conclusively as did the Cherokee tribe on last Tuesday.

CREEK TOWN LOTS.

Provisions of the Late Completed Agreement.

TOWNSHIPS. There shall be a township committee in each town in the Creek (or Muskogee) nation hereinafter named, to consist of one member to be appointed by the principal chief, which member shall not be interested in town property other than his home, one to be appointed by the secretary of the interior and one by the town; and if the principal chief or the town fails to select a member as aforesaid, he may be selected and appointed by the secretary of the interior.

The towns to be surveyed and laid out by the township committee, under the provisions of the agreement, are: Muskogee, Wagoner, Tulsa, Eufaula, Checotah, Sapulpa, Holdenville, Bristow, Gibson Station, Red Fork, Okmulgee and Lee.

The area of each town provided for in this agreement shall be as follows: Muskogee, twenty-five hundred and sixty acres; Wagoner, twenty-five hundred and sixty acres; Tulsa, fourteen hundred and forty acres; Eufaula, fourteen hundred and forty acres; Checotah, six hundred and forty acres; Sapulpa, six hundred and forty acres; Holdenville, six hundred and forty acres; Bristow, three hundred and twenty acres; Gibson Station, one hundred and sixty acres; Red Fork, one hundred and sixty acres; Okmulgee, one hundred and sixty acres and Lee, one hundred and sixty acres.

The township committee in each town shall lay out proper and necessary streets, alleys and parks, and shall prepare correct plats; and shall file one with the secretary of the interior, to be approved by him before the same shall be effective, one with the clerk of the United States court, one with the principal chief, one with the town authorities and one with the commission to the five civilized tribes.

All town lots shall be appraised by said committee, at their true present value, excluding improvements; and separate appraisements shall be made of all improvements on town lots and no such appraisement shall be effective until approved by the commission to the five civilized tribes; and unless all the members of the township committee shall agree upon the value of any lot, the said commission shall fix the same.

Any person in rightful possession of any town lot, having substantial and valuable buildings thereon, shall have the right to

purchase the same by paying one half the amount of its appraised value in manner hereinafter prescribed.

If the owner of the improvements of any lot fails within sixty days to purchase and make the first payment on the same, such lot, with the improvements thereon, shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, under the direction of said commission, at a price not less than the true value of the lot and improvements; and the purchaser at such sale shall pay the owner of the improvements, the price at which the lot and the improvements thereon shall be sold, less one half of the appraised value of the lot; and shall pay one half of the said appraised value of the lot, into the treasury of the United States at St. Louis, to the credit of the Creek tribe, under regulations to be established by said commission, in four installments as herein provided.

All lots not having improvements thereon as aforesaid and not in rightful possession of any person, and all new unimproved lots laid out as aforesaid, shall be sold under the direction of said commission from time to time at public auction at not less than their appraised value, after proper advertisement, the purchase price to be paid as herein provided.

All persons who have purchased the right of occupancy from persons in legal possession prior to the date of signing of this agreement, holding unimproved lots or tracts of grounds in towns, shall have the first right to purchase said lots or tracts by paying two thirds of the amount of their appraised value, upon terms and conditions as herein provided.

After the completion of the apportionment of any town, the township committee shall at once notify the persons claiming the right of occupancy of each lot or tract, of the amount at which his property has been appraised, and such person shall, within sixty days thereafter, make payment of ten per cent of the amount due, and four months thereafter, he shall pay fifteen per cent additional and the remainder shall be paid in three equal annual installments without interest; provided, that any amount not paid when due shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum until paid, and if, at the expiration of two years from the date of payment of the fifteen per cent default in either annual payment has been made, proceedings may be commenced in the United States court to enforce payment as herein provided.

If any enclosed or improved lands held or in possession of any citizen as his home, not heretofore laid out in town lots by him, shall be included within the survey and part of any town, such citizen shall have the right to purchase the same enclosed or improved lands so included as a home, at one half of their appraised value as lots in such towns in manner as herein provided. The word "home" used in this provision shall be understood to mean lands used and occupied for ordinary homestead purposes and shall not include lands which are separate and detached and used for purposes not necessary to the enjoyment of the homestead proper.

The purchaser of any lot shall have the privilege of paying the full amount in cash at any time, and shall, thereupon, be entitled to a deed.

Deeds to all lots shall be executed by the principal chief of the nation, immediately upon full payment of the amount due, free of charge to the grantee conveying a fee simple title; and all deeds shall be approved by the secretary of the interior.

The purchase money of all town lots shall be paid to a bonded officer to be designated by the commission to the five civilized tribes, and after deducting all sums necessary to be paid out as herein provided, the remainder shall be deposited in the sub-treasury of the United States at St. Louis, Missouri, to the credit of the Creek (or Muskogee) nation.

No taxes shall be assessed by any town government against any town lot sold as herein provided, and such taxes levied against lots sold as herein provided shall constitute a lien upon the same after the purchase price thereof has been fully paid as herein provided, and not theretofore.

Each township committee may select and locate a cemetery within a suitable distance from each town, to embrace not to exceed twenty acres, which it shall appraise at not less than fifty dollars per acre; and any citizen in possession thereof shall be reimbursed for any improvements thereon belonging to him; and when the town shall have paid the amount of the appraisement, it shall be entitled to a patent for same as herein provided for titles to allotment; and said town shall dispose of same at reasonable prices in suitable lots for burial purposes, the proceeds thereof to be applied to the proper improvement and care of said cemetery.

All town lots or parts of lots, not exceeding in size, fifty or one hundred and fifty feet, upon which schools, churches and the persons belonging thereto, have been erected, and which are occupied as such on the date of appraisement, shall be allotted to the grantee, and deeds therefor shall be executed in proper form to the

ONE ROAD!

The best road leading into Vinita, the best for your pocketbook, leads direct to **THE POPULAR STORE**. This house is enjoying an increase of business; and we owe this increase to the fact that we sell nothing but the best goods, at lowest prices. Don't get the idea that you can get **CHEAP** goods at this trading center, but

You Can Get Good... Goods Cheap.

In order to make room for an immense stock of **Spring Goods** we will sell every article in **Winter Goods at Cost for Thirty Days**; and when we say "at cost" we ask you to compare our prices with those of our neighbors, and you will be convinced that you are getting your goods **AT COST**.

Dry Goods Dep't.

Several patterns in American Wool-clothes 11c yd
Warwick Suiting 10c yd
Sateens in figured 8c, 10c and 12 1/2c yd
Shepherd Plaids 11c yd
A number of Dress patterns in Novelty goods and Cashmeres, ranging from \$1.75 to \$3.00
Bed Spreads 85c to 1.00
Comforts 55c
Blankets 45c, 75c, \$1.85 & 2.50
Misses' Union Suits 20c & 28c
Children's Fleece Vests 14c, 16c, 18c & 26c
Ladies' Union Suits 38c & 55c
All Wool and Cotton Flannels at cost.

Boot and Shoe Dep't.

Osage Boot, regular price \$2.25, sale \$1.55
Fitzsimmons boot, " 2.75, sale 1.95
One lot boots regular " 2.25, sale 1.55
Boys' boots 10s to 13s, " 1.35, sale .95
Boys' boots, 13s to 2s, " 1.40, sale 1.05
Boys' boots, 2s to 5s, " 1.60, sale 1.15
Men's shoes, Acme brand, sale price, 1.00
Ladies' shoes (Lot No. 2608) " .95
Ladies' shoes (Lot No. 2601) " 1.05
Ladies' shoes (Lot No. 2866) " 1.20

Don't fail to see our Children's Heavy Shoes, in which you will find some splendid values.

Trunks and Telescopes

....Are Also Included in this Sale.

We could give many more prices, but we are convinced that a call and examination of goods and prices will prove to you that we mean what we say. Don't be satisfied with looking over the above prices but come and see for yourselves.

Remember this Sale continues till March 1st.

Yours truly,

JNO. C. GRAY.

These prices are strictly **FOR CASH**. Nothing charged for less than regular price. **REMEMBER** that we are headquarters for the Best Groceries.

WANT EMIGRATION LEGISLATION.

If to be Passed Should Accommodate All Prospective Emigrants.

Representative Curtis has presented in the house the petition of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Mexican Emigration society in which they pray to be permitted to cash their interests in the nation and move. If a bill is to be prepared it should be general enough in its scope to enable such of our Delawares and others as desire to emigrate to the land of the cactus, or think they do. The petition prays congress that whenever 300 or more adults of the Choctaw or Chickasaw tribes of Indians, or of such tribes jointly, desiring to remove from the Indian Territory to the republic of Mexico, shall petition the secretary of the interior he shall be duly authorized:

1. That upon such petition to withdraw from the control now exercised by the United States, under the terms of the said Dawes or Atoka treaty, all coal, oil, asphalt or other minerals, which may be located upon the allotment of said signers to such petition, and to permit such allottees to dispose of such minerals, oil, etc., or all or any portion of such allotment, as may be desired by such allottees for the purpose of enabling them to remove to the republic of Mexico and there educate and maintain their families.

2. That upon such petition to the secretary of the interior he shall authorize and assist all persons signing such petition on behalf of themselves and families, to sell or transfer from their allotments all or any portion thereof (including all minerals, oils, etc., which may be found therein) as they may desire to sell in order to enable them to emigrate.

3. That upon such petition to the secretary of the interior he shall use every effort to facilitate a prompt emigration to Mexico and the prompt payment of all funds due to the said members of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes

of Indians, and that he be authorized to declare inoperative (with regard to such Indians so signing such petition) the provisions of the Dawes treaty relating to the time when certain portions of such allotments may be alienated.

It is fortunate that the majority vote favoring the treaty is so pronounced as to leave no sort of grounds for contest. It speaks well for the good sense of the Cherokees that they can, practically, unanimously agree upon a matter of such vital importance to the whole Cherokee people. If a protest of any kind should go up from this country to congress it will be a very feeble effort of a disgruntled handful of malcontents who for purely selfish ends desire the rejection of the treaty. There are a few men who opposed and voted against the treaty whose opinions are no doubt honest and from sincere motives, tho' we believe, dictated by a more or less warped and perverted judgment, tinged with a deep and ineradicable prejudice against certain classes of our citizens; but the majority who voted against the treaty did so from ignorance of its provisions, and would be a very unsafe minority were they numerous enough.

Cowwesscowee is still the banner district in the Cherokee nation. The majority in favor of the treaty in the district was 1574—only 52 vote against it. There were 8 precincts in the district at which not a single vote was polled against the treaty.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

E. M. MING FURNITURE CO.

Has a Large Assortment of Surprisingly

Superior Goods

at Surprisingly Low Prices.

We solicit a comparison of goods and prices knowing that you will find our line of furniture and prices satisfactory. Please call and inspect our stock. A full line of coffins and caskets and funeral supplies; open day and night.

Yours for business,

E. M. Ming Furniture Co.